

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 1483–1518; 1 private bill, H.R. 1519; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 151–152 were introduced. **Pages H1955–57**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1958–59**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 756, to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–33) and

H.R. 967, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–34). **Page H1955**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1913**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1918**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yeas-and-nays vote of 272 yeas to 136 nays with 1 answering "present", Roll No. 99. **Pages H1918, H1931**

Oath of Office—Second Congressional District of Illinois: Representative-elect Robin L. Kelly presented herself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a scanned copy of a letter from Mr. Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial returns of the Special Election held April 9, 2013, the Honorable Robin L. Kelly was elected Representative to Congress for the Second Congressional District, State of Illinois. **Pages H1929–30**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Illinois, Ms. Kelly, the whole number of the House is 433. **Page H1930**

Preventing Greater Uncertainty in Labor-Management Relations Act—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 146, the rule that is providing for consideration of H.R. 1120, to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from taking any action that requires a quorum of the members of the Board until such time as Board consti-

tuting a quorum shall have been confirmed by the Senate, the Supreme Court issues a decision on the constitutionality of the appointments to the Board made in January 2012, or the adjournment sine die of the first session of the 113th Congress, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 98, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 97. **Pages H1923–29, H1930–31**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow. **Page H1932**

Discharge Petition: Representative DeLauro presented to the clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Education and the Workforce from the consideration of H.R. 377, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes (Discharge Petition No. 1).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1929 and H1951.

Senate Referral: S. 716 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1929, H1930–31, H1931. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Department of Education. Testimony was heard from Arne Duncan, Secretary, Department of Education.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FY 2014 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security. Testimony was heard from Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—NUCLEAR WASTE PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on Oversight Hearing: Nuclear Waste Programs and Strategies. Testimony was heard from Peter B. Lyons, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; Michael Weber, Deputy Executive Director for Operations for Materials, Waste, Research, State, Tribal, and Compliance Programs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Frank Rusco, Director of Natural Resources and Environment, Energy and Science, Government Accountability Office; Rodney C. Ewing, Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Commerce Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Rebecca M. Blank, Acting Secretary, Department of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of the Interior Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2014. Testimony was heard from Ken Salazar, Secretary, Department of the Interior.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from General Martin Dempsey, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Chuck Hagel, Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

EQUIPPING THE INDIVIDUAL SOLDIER AND MARINE: CURRENT AND FUTURE YEAR ACQUISITION AND MODERNIZATION STRATEGIES AND THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Equipping the Individual Soldier and Marine: Current and Future Year Acquisition and Modernization Strategies and the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Peter B. Bechtel, Director, Capabilities Integration, Prioritization, and Analysis, Department of the Army; Brigadier General Paul Ostrowski, USA, Program Executive Officer, Soldier, U.S. Army; Brigadier General Frank Kelley, USMC,

Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command, U.S. Marine Corps.

PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget". Testimony was heard from Jeffrey Zients, Acting Director and Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on H.R. 1406, the "Working Families Flexibility Act of 2013". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

STRENGTHENING MEDICARE FOR SENIORS: UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGES OF TRADITIONAL MEDICARE'S BENEFIT DESIGN

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Strengthening Medicare for Seniors: Understanding the Challenges of Traditional Medicare's Benefit Design". Testimony was heard from a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing on a draft discussion on the "Coal Ash Recycling and Oversight Act of 2013". Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator for Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Robert J. Martineau, Jr., Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; Stephen A. Cobb, Chief, Governmental Hazardous Waste Branch Land Division, Alabama Department of Environmental Management; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a markup on legislation to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance. The discussion draft to affirm the policy of the United States regarding Internet governance was passed without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS REGARDING DERIVATIVES AND SEC ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals Regarding Derivatives and SEC Economic Analysis". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HIGHLIGHTING VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE U.S.-VIETNAM DIALOGUE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Highlighting Vietnamese Government Human Rights Violations in Advance of the U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BREAKING THE IRAN, NORTH KOREA, AND SYRIA NEXUS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa; Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific; and Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Breaking the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nexus”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled “Energy Opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean”. Testimony was heard from Carlos Pascual, Special Envoy and Coordinator for International Energy Affairs, Department of State; Matthew M. Rooney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS TO COMBAT A CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NUCLEAR ATTACK ON THE HOMELAND

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence held a hearing entitled “Counterterrorism Efforts to Combat a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Attack on the Homeland”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TSA’S EFFORTS TO ADVANCE RISK-BASED SECURITY: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security held a hearing entitled “TSA’s Efforts to Advance Risk-Based Security: Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 367, the “Regulations From the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2013”. The bill was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation held a hearing on the following: legislation regarding “Restoring Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act”; H.R. 1294, the “Self-Sufficient Community Lands Act”; H.R. 818, the “Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act”; H.R. 1345, the “Catastrophic Wildfire Prevention Act of 2013”; legislation regarding the “O&C Trust, Conservation, and Jobs Act”; and H.R. 1442, the “Depleting Risk from Insect Infestation, Soil Erosion, and Catastrophic Fire Act of 2013”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hastings (WA); and Representatives Labrador, Tipton, Gosar, Markey, DeFazio, Walden, Schrader, and Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Ray Campbell, Commissioner, Okanogan County, WA; Judy Morris, Supervisor, Trinity County, CA; Skip Brandt, Commissioner, Idaho County, ID; John Maisch, State Forester and Director, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry; John Martin, Commissioner, Garfield County, CO; Cindy Dozier, Commissioner, Hinsdale County, CO; Tommie Martin, District Supervisor and Vice Chair, Gila County, AZ; Tom Tuchmann, Forestry and Conservation Finance Advisor, Office of the Governor, State of Oregon; Doug Robertson, Commissioner, Douglas County, OR; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFIT PROGRAM: IS IT A GOOD VALUE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census held a hearing entitled “The Federal Employees Health Benefit Program: Is It a Good Value for Federal Employees?”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Foley, Director, Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 875, to provide for a comprehensive assessment of the scientific and technical research on the implications of the use of mid-level ethanol blends, and for other purposes; and H.R. 1422, the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2013”. The bills, H.R. 875 and H.R. 1422, were ordered reported, as amended.

JOBS ACT IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations held a hearing

entitled “JOBS Act Implementation Update”. Testimony was heard from Lona Nallengara, Acting Director, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission; John Ramsay, Acting Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission; and public witnesses.

AMTRAK’S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET: THE STARTING POINT FOR REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Amtrak’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget: The Starting Point for Reauthorization”. Testimony was heard from Joseph H. Boardman, President and CEO, Amtrak; and Joseph C. Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2014. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET PROPOSAL WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing on President’s Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Proposal with U.S. Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Jacob Lew, Secretary, Department of Treasury.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats”. Testimony was heard from James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; John O. Brennan, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency; Lieutenant General Michael T. Flynn, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; Robert S. Mueller, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, hearing on National Park Service, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission Budget, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and Science and Related Agencies, hearing on Drug Enforcement Administration Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing on Installations, Environment, Energy and BRAC Budget and Oversight, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee On Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing on Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power, hearing on the “Energy Consumers Relief Act of 2013”, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee On Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Oversight and Management Efficiency, hearing entitled “The Impact of Sequestration on Homeland Security: Scare Tactics of Possible Threat?”, 9 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, April 12, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation, hearing on H.R. 1208, to establish the Manhattan Project National Historical Park in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Hanford, Washington, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing on President Obama’s budget proposals for the Department of Health and Human Services for fiscal year 2014, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.